

LA FARGE ART AUCTION

1,000 NUMBERS IN THE CATALOGUE MISS BARNES IS MAKING.

Some 500 of Mr. La Farge's Drawings, 80 Colored Glass Windows, Gilded Casts of the Vanderbilt Bazaar Reliefs and Chinese and Japanese Treasures.

John La Farge's art possessions are to be sold at auction under the absolute power given by his will to Miss Grace Firth Barnes, who so long served him as secretary and general business manager. The catalogue for the sale, which Miss Barnes is preparing, is expected to contain about a thousand numbers. Mr. La Farge was always known as an avid collector of the things which he liked for any reason. If he got too many or for any reason decided to sell them off or sell straightway to buying again as some of the next handsome object came along that attracted his admiration. This was especially true of things Japanese. He was not much of a buyer of pictures, although some painters are. The auction of his art possessions will include many of his own works also.

In the plenary power with which he clothed Miss Barnes in his will was the right to sell some of his collections in whole or in part, at public or private sale, and to select from his own works for such sales or destroy some of his drawings if she saw fit. Miss Barnes as executor desires it to be stated that the coming auction will be the final sale of Mr. La Farge's effects. She announces that all works set down as executed by Mr. La Farge in the forthcoming catalogue are his own work and were not done by his assistants. It has of course been well known in the art world that like masters of old La Farge to a great extent employed assistants to do the work upon many of his compositions. The collection coming into the market is a varied one, like Mr. La Farge's own lifetime of work, and in his own works offered Miss Barnes is including early as well as late ones. An exceptional and as she says deeply interesting part of the collection which is being arranged for the auction is made up of some 500 of Mr. La Farge's drawings. About 200 of these will be offered framed and about 300 are being prepared for sale in portfolios. They belong to every period of his life, including his early years of illustrating and painting. For the most part these drawings were made for study or record or merely for the artist's own pleasure, and they have long been enjoyed among his friends as characteristic and beautiful, but they have not before been shown in public.

Besides these drawings there are paintings, water color drawings, works in colored glass and other works by La Farge and many objects of the art of the Orient. Some of the Oriental productions he bought for their beauty, some for their historical interest or character. They include costumes and other things of the East. There are Chinese and Japanese silks and brocades and temple hangings and some rare Chinese rugs. A voluminous collection of Japanese illustrated books includes volumes illustrated by Hokusai. There are also lacquerware, vases, statuettes, antique Eastern masks and musical instruments.

A production of the East which Mr. La Farge regarded as one of his greatest treasures is coming under the hammer. It is a great bronze statue or monument of Kwannon or Kuan-yin, the Chinese goddess of mercy, about ten feet tall, which Miss Barnes says with the privilege of La Farge's authority, "is the rarest and most important specimen of its kind in this country or in Europe." There is a set of eleven sixteenth century kakemonos (silk) whose painting includes designs taken from a set of the sixteen Hakan by Rurikun, the Chinese master, and a set of twelve panels representing the twelve Deva for a baptismal ceremony. There is also a Ritsuo box.

Among paintings by La Farge himself are to come into the auction room "The Centaurs," "A Garland," "The Deer," "The Mount Tohiva," "The Adoration of the Kings," "The Virgin and Child," and "The Virgin and Child with the Holy Family." There are also paintings of South Sea natives and dancers, with other religious subjects, decorative designs, souvenirs of different periods of his life, of his work in Japan as well as the South Sea, and stained glass windows, representative of all the different fields in which he labored.

His work in glass, for which La Farge was particularly distinguished, is to be represented at the sale by thirty large and small windows, some with figure, others with floral subjects, and including some of the windows which he made especially for his exhibition at Paris in 1889, when the French Government gave him its highest award and made him an officer of the Legion of Honor.

When La Farge designed the famous reliefs for the home of the late Cornelius Vanderbilt, which were modeled by Augustus Saint-Gaudens, La Farge presided in his studio the plaster and metal casts, gilded, and these are now to come under the hammer, together with some reliefs modeled by La Farge himself. There are also several Greco-Roman reliefs.

Besides some old frames which the artist had acquired, some articles of furniture and other articles of property there is a collection of lithographs, engravings and etchings, including two dry points by Albert Bonnard, with Bonnard's sketchy studies of La Farge. The auction is to be under the management of the American Art Association and will take place either late this month or early in April.

U. S. STEWART CHIEF JUSTICE.
Former New York Lawyer Head of the Supreme Court of Liberia.

The Liberia Council announced yesterday that a cablegram had been received from President Arthur Barclay had appointed U. S. Stewart Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Liberia. T. McCants Stewart was at one time Minister to Liberia and was before that in the practice of the law here. He was appointed a member of the Board of Education in Brooklyn by Mayor Chapin in 1891. He was elected to the University and Law School at Edinburgh, Scotland.

Mr. Stewart has been in Liberia about four years. He assisted in the codification of the laws of the republic and worked with President Barclay over the French boundary treaties.

Contagious Disease Cases at Vassar.
POUGHKEEPSIE, March 11.—President Taylor said to-day that there are no cases of contagious diseases at Vassar College. In respect to the other matter, he said that he had been made from all over the country. The report that there was scarlet fever at the college is without foundation, and among students from Cleveland, Ohio, or anywhere else.

Playwright Browne Left Only \$1,500.
The will of Walter Browne, the playwright who died on the opening night of his play "Everywoman," disposes of an estate of only \$1,500, which goes to his widow, Charissa Elizabeth Browne.

"OTELLO" MUCH ENJOYED.

A Large and Enthusiastic Audience Hears Verdi's Opera.

In the size and demeanor of the audience at the Metropolitan Opera House yesterday afternoon there was encouragement for the drooping spirits of those who have feared that appreciation of Verdi's later works was diminishing. The opera was "Otello," which has been known to New York music lovers since 1889, but which has had infrequent representations and by no means its rightful measure of public favor. In spite of the fact that the title rôle has been sung here by the great original interpreter, Tamagno, as well as by Jean de Reszke and Alvarez, that Iago has been impersonated by Maurel in a matchless manner and that Desdemona has been sung by Albani and Eames, "Otello" has seldom aroused more than a passing enthusiasm. Yesterday's audience, however, was both large and demonstrative, and the principal singers were called back at the principal times. Mr. Slezak repeated his forceful impersonation of the Moor, which is without doubt his best achievement. Mr. Scotti, who had been announced as the Iago, was indisposed, and his place was taken by Mr. Amato, whose singing of the music was bold, dramatic, and inspiring. His acting did not detract at all from the extremely subtle Italian. The other members of the cast were those heard at the previous performance.

In the second act the opera was "Lohengrin," in which time Fremstad appeared once more as the tormented Elsa. The cast was generally strong, including Mr. Jadowicz as Lohengrin, Mr. Soomer as Telramund, and Mr. Witherspoon as King Henry. Mr. Hertz conducted.

MUSIC FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

Kathleen Parlow Plays the Mendelssohn Violin Concerto.

The fifth of this season's Symphony Concerts for Young People took place yesterday afternoon at Carnegie Hall. Slavic music was presented by the New York Symphony Orchestra, and Kathleen Parlow, the violinist, assisted in some solo numbers. The subject taken up was further made lucid by remarks quite to the point that were interpolated by Walter Damrosch, the conductor of the orchestra. Two Russian folk songs of Ljadlow followed, a cradle song and the "Song of the Mosquitoes." It was announced on the programme that Miss Parlow would play an adagio and allegro from Glazounov's violin concerto in A minor. This number, Mr. Damrosch announced, had been found yesterday by Miss Parlow and herself as not fitting well into the programme's scheme, and so they had decided to go over into Germany for a concerto. There they had selected Mendelssohn's in her performance of this work Miss Parlow added no small part to the afternoon's entertainment. Her playing was full of rich and lyric beauty, united to an excellent technique and she at once won complete mastery for herself the evident admiration of her many listeners. Further on the programme were the "Pizzicati" from Tchaikovsky's fourth symphony, and his overture of "1812," also between these numbers a polonaise by Wieniawski for violin.

JUMPED UP THE REALTY.

New Haven Railroad Changes Site of Its New Station in New Haven.

NEW HAVEN, March 11.—Because real estate dealers and others owning property near the proposed new \$2,000,000 railroad station here have jumped prices out of sight President Mellen of the New Haven railroad issued a statement to-night announcing that the new station would not be built where planned originally on the site occupied by the present station, but would be placed in the heart of the city on property already owned by the railroad company. He said:

"Owing to lack of result in negotiations for the necessary property for a proper approach to the proposed new station, the prices at which the property was being held being utterly unreasonable, orders have been given to prepare plans for an entire change in the location of the station. The unreasonable cupidity of certain real estate holders in the vicinity of the location heretofore considered for the new station has made it impossible to take advantage of what would be a great improvement to their property. It has forced the company to return to this original location in the city for a station."

CORN FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

The New Republic Planning to Sell It to Europe.

Sir Thomas R. Price, Commissioner of Railways and Harbors of the South African Government, arrived last evening by the Hamburg-American liner Kaiserin Augusta Victoria to study the American method of handling corn. He said that the maize of South Africa, which is our own corn, was quite as good as the American article and that the South African could ship to Europe 160,000 tons a year or more and get a fair price for it. He understood, he said, that America shipped to foreign ports not more than 3 per cent of the product. At present South Africa ships its corn in sacks, but it was considering the project of shipping in bulk. He will see how grain is handled in Buffalo, Duluth, Chicago, Minneapolis and New Orleans and report to his Government on the subject.

Pauline Hall Can't Punish McEllan.

Supreme Court Justice Guy denied yesterday a motion by Pauline Hall McEllan, the actress, to have her former husband, George B. McEllan, the play broker, removed from the ground that he has paid \$10 a week for the support of her daughter since Mrs. McEllan got her divorce in 1902. Before McEllan came here last December he paid his former wife \$1,000 on account and arranged to pay up the balance in weekly instalments, but the actress now says she had no right to make such an agreement on behalf of the child. Justice Guy decided that the agreement is binding.

Kansas Has Oregon Senatorship Law.
TOLPEKA, Kan., March 11.—Kansas now has the Oregon plan of electing United States Senators. The House passed the Senate bill last night. The method of nominating Senators is unchanged. The candidates for Senator of each party are printed on the primary ballot. The one that carries the largest number of Republican electors is elected. The party candidate for Senator and his name goes on the general ballot.

\$20,000 for Crippled Workman.

A jury in the United States Court in Brooklyn has awarded Oscar Syverson a verdict of \$20,000 in his suit against R. P. O. Hamilton, contractors, for personal injuries. While employed by the contractors in wrecking a barracks at Fort Hamilton in December, 1907, he fell off a derrick and was so badly injured that he is crippled for life. He appeared in court in an invalid's chair.

Democratic Gain in Franklin County.

MALONE, N. Y., March 11.—Franklin county elected a Board of Supervisors on March 7. The new board stands, 12 Republicans and 6 Democrats, with one town a tie. This is a Democratic gain of two Supervisors.

HEARD IN HOTEL CORRIDORS

SOMETHING ABOUT VANCOUVER AND A STORY FROM THERE.

The Anecdote Notes the Disposition of the Dead Out in British Columbia—Absent Minded College Professors—Senator Bailey Comes to Town.

Major S. Harris, who fought in the South African war, and P. J. C. Cue, who discovered the gold fields named after him in West Australia, got here yesterday on their way to England, and had something to say about Vancouver. Both are Australians, but the Major is now in the insurance business in Vancouver, while Mr. Cue is operating in British Columbia.

"Vancouver is developing faster than any other city on the North American continent," said Major Harris, and Mr. Cue nodded in assent. "Its population has increased in six years from 37,000 to 125,000," continued the Major, and the minor dissonant note.

"The building permits last year were over \$1,000,000 a month," added Major Harris, "and the municipal council has worked out that will take four years to complete and will involve an expenditure of \$2,500,000 a year. The three big railroads entering or about to enter the city have work in hand in the city which will amount to \$20,000,000." Mr. Cue said it was true.

Major Harris said opinion on his way was divided on the subject of reciprocity, but he knew of a good story that was current in Vancouver.

"A man from British Columbia went over to see London for the first time last year," he said, "and was being shown through Westminster Abbey. He got into conversation with a tourist agent who was showing a party about and at intervals the man who was explaining asked the British Columbian questions about Vancouver."

"I suppose that in your country you have no place like the Abbey?" he suggested.

"No," replied the other.

"Then what, may I ask, do you do with your illustrious dead?"

"First," replied the British Columbian, "we appoint a commission to see whether the man is really dead, and then if the commission decides in the affirmative, we send him to the Legislature."

The distinguished college professor ordered four theatre tickets when he went word to the Manhattan that he was coming on to New York. He got them upon his arrival, but promptly forgot about them. For that reason he went over to the ticket stand and purchased four tickets. When he returned from the theatre, he found the four tickets which had been bought for him, and then he went and raised a row because the ticket seller would not refund them.

"And yet," said a clerk, "you cannot get a college professor to admit that the stories about the absent-mindedness of his kind are anything but fiction. I know of one who blames everything of this kind upon his wife. After he left the last time, we got a telegram saying his wife had forgotten a book. Then he wrote to say that his wife had forgotten his pipe. Meantime we had thoroughly searched the room and found and shipped to him a lot of articles his wife could not possibly have forgotten."

Senator Joseph W. Bailey of Texas was discerned in the corridor of the Waldorf yesterday sitting on one of the chairs, and making "restures" with one hand. Later he was discovered having luncheon with W. E. Whitton, one of the new Senators from West Virginia. When first seen the Senator was wearing what looked like a brand new hat, which was black, and of the well known shape that is so becoming to him. Senator Bailey is reported as still reconsidering his resignation.

The publicity agent says that the McEllan Hotel, which is getting ready to be built at the corner of Thirty-fourth street and Broadway, is going to contain a miniature hospital, fully equipped, where, no matter how serious their nature, will be treated just as in the best private sanitariums. There are to be accommodations for twelve patients. Surgeons, physicians and nurses will be in attendance and the hospital is to be on the twenty-third floor.

Robert Crain of Baltimore has gone back home after some energetic campaigning to get the next national Democratic convention for that city. Mr. Crain being the chairman of a committee that is looking after that matter. He saw some national committeemen who were in New York and made a good impression.

A \$2.50 Check was the Subject of a \$5 Bet between a Hotel Cashier and a Room Clerk Yesterday.

It was found that a woman who had been stopping at the hotel some time ago had been overcharged that sum and a check was sent her. She came back to New York yesterday and stopped in long enough to say that she would return the check and get the money, which she did, without undressing the paper. When this was discovered by the cashier he said he would tear up the check and it would be the same as if it had never existed, and the clerk bet him that this was illegal and that the check would have to be indorsed and presented at the bank for payment. A similar check was carried all around the world by a woman and presented at the hotel not long ago, almost two years after it was issued.

Ambassador Hill to Lecture at Columbia.

David Jayne Hill, Ambassador of the United States to Germany, is to deliver the Carpenter lectures at Columbia University beginning March 22. There will be eight lectures in the series and the subject will be "The Problem of World Organization as Affected by the Nature of the Modern State." The dates of the lectures are March 22, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31. They will be held each afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Clan-na-Gael Holds an Emmet Meeting.

The Clan-na-Gael held an Emmet celebration last evening in Carnegie Hall. The orator of the evening was Thomas C. Crain, who spoke on the life and times of Emmet, and resolutions were read by Col. Charles J. Crowley, commander of the Irish Volunteers, protesting against a new arbitration treaty with Great Britain.

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ROOSEVELT IN NEW ORLEANS.

Gets a Warm Greeting There and Also in Jackson, Miss.

NEW ORLEANS, March 11.—Ex-President Roosevelt this afternoon reached New Orleans, where he was the guest of the Progressive Union. He delivered an address in the French Opera House and was the guest at a dinner at Grunewald Hotel to which 300 persons sat down. The ex-President spoke also at the dinner as well as Gov. Sanders, Mayor Behrman, President Porch of the Progressive Union and others.

The ex-President has not visited New Orleans since October, 1905, when as President he came here at the end of the yellow fever epidemic, a fact that has rendered him very popular. There was a parade in his honor, which included the militia and police. It went through several of the principal streets to the Grunewald Hotel, where he is staying.

Mr. Roosevelt's speech was a rambling one about the Panama Canal, the necessity for fortifying it, the benefit that would accrue to the South and New Orleans. He then entered into a long discussion of corporations and how the country ought to deal with them. He showed signs of fatigue and his voice frequently broke during the speech.

Mr. Roosevelt will leave to-morrow morning for Texas, where he has several engagements to speak.

JACKSON, Miss., March 11.—Col. Roosevelt spent six strenuous hours in Jackson to-day, being greeted by thousands of citizens. He got a cordial welcome. Col. Roosevelt arrived shortly after 6 o'clock this morning from Birmingham on a private car and accompanied by Gov. Noel and Oscar Newton, president of the Jackson Board of Trade. He was met at the station by a committee of business men and taken to Gov. Noel's home for breakfast, where he met a score of friends of the Governor and Mrs. Noel.

At 9:30 Col. Roosevelt addressed the Boy Scouts in front of the Governor's mansion, telling them how to become good citizens after which he was taken by auto to the Capitol. A stop was made at the home of the late Bishop Charles B. Galloway. Mrs. Galloway pinned a white carnation on the Colonel's coat for his Southern mother-in-law. Col. Roosevelt spoke feelingly of the friendship that had existed between himself and Bishop Galloway, declaring his inspiration and going star to a large extent while President.

At the Capitol Col. Roosevelt was introduced by Gov. Noel as the "world's greatest private citizen." The speaker was greeted with prolonged applause and for nearly an hour held the close attention of his audience as he talked of good citizenship and what it takes to make a man or woman a good citizen. He took occasion during his remarks to compliment George Waltham and other statesmen and to refer to Jefferson Davis as the commander of the First Mississippi Regiment at the battle of Buena Vista, the flag of which famous command was shown to the Colonel in the hall of fame before the speaking.

At 1 o'clock Col. Roosevelt was driven to the Edwards House, where 200 Mississippians tendered him a luncheon. At 1 o'clock he boarded a special train for New Orleans.

TO BACK UP GOV. WILSON.

Woodrow Wilson Democratic League Organized in Essex County.

The Woodrow Wilson Democratic League of Essex county, N. J., has been organized. Its object is to further the party leadership of Gov. Wilson and to assist in securing the renomination of State Senator Harry V. Osborne and Assemblyman Balestine Boettner, and Mylod in case they are opposed by the regular Democrats at the primaries in the fall.

Mr. Osborne and the three Assemblymen declared themselves in favor of James E. Martin in the New Jersey contest with the Republican, James Smith, Jr., of Newark. A letter has been sent to the Governor telling him of the formation of the league. The officers are as follows:

President, John J. Gifford, Newark; vice-president, Otto C. Wierum, Montclair; treasurer, John R. Oelkers, Newark; secretary, William O. Morgan, Montclair; assistant secretary, Balestine Boettner, Newark; executive committee, Samuel Kalisch, Newark, chairman; Mayor Julian A. Gregory, East Orange; Andrew L. Smith, Newark; Louis Hood, Newark; Charles H. Ingersoll, South Orange; Tax Assessor Frank A. O'Connor, West Orange, and John M. Rhoadbeck, Newark.

Tammany Architect Must Pay His Revisor.
Michael J. Garvin, Tammany leader of the Thirty-third Assembly district, must pay \$7,165 to Oscar Blumner, an architect, under a ruling by the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court yesterday. Garvin, who is also an architect, got the contract to design The Bronx Borough Court House but the Municipal Art Commission rejected his drawings and he then got Blumner to help him on plans that were finally put through.

Wellman's Engineer to Marry His Daughter.
WASHINGTON, March 11.—Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wellman announce the engagement of their youngest daughter to Frederick B. Aubert of this city. No date is set for the wedding, but is expected to take place in the summer. Mr. Aubert was the assistant engineer of the dirigible balloon America and was in the party rescued at sea.

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Big Water Main Proposed for Queensboro Bridge.
Water Commissioner Thompson has a plan for laying a twenty-four inch main from Manhattan across the Queensboro Bridge to give water to Queens. It is said that the plan would save the city about \$10,000 a month which is now paid out to the Citizens Water Company of Newtown. Bridge Commissioners Martin and Jacobs have approved the plan. The main would weigh 200 pounds to the foot, which would equal the weight of a line of trolley cars across the bridge running at 150 feet apart, and that the bridge could safely accommodate it.

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BOZENHARD JUDICIALLY DEAD

GONE 18 YEARS—FAMILY LOST IN SLOCUM DISASTER.

\$2,000 in His Wife's Name in Savings Bank Goes to Her Brother, Who Says It Was Originally His Anyway—Bozenhard Had a Disappearing Habit.

The presumption that a person who disappears and is not heard from for seven years is dead was at issue before the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in a case in which the court held yesterday that the seven year rule is not always good and may fall when the person went away under circumstances which would induce him to stay away. The court decides in this case that if the absentee had been able to come back or communicate with his relatives he would have done so in the eighteen years that have intervened.

August P. Wagner brought proceedings to settle his accounts as administrator of the estate of Mrs. Emilie Bozenhard, and the question involved was whether \$2,000 he holds belonging to the estate should be deposited with the City Chamberlain, to remain indefinitely, or turned over to Frederick Kaaz, a brother of Mrs. Bozenhard, who would be entitled to the money if Charles Jules Bozenhard, his sister's husband, was dead. A referee who heard the case adjudged Bozenhard to be dead, but the Surrogate refused to confirm his finding, on the ground that Bozenhard left under circumstances which made it unlikely he would communicate with his relatives.

The facts as stated in the opinion of Justice Miller were that Bozenhard and Emilie Kaaz were married in 1892, and that after they had lived together a few months Bozenhard disappeared. A daughter was born to the wife in 1893, and both the mother and daughter were drowned in the burning of the steamer General Slocum in 1904. The \$2,000 at issue was then in savings banks in Mrs. Bozenhard's name, and her brother contended that he was entitled to the money not only because he was the only heir but because it represented the savings from his earnings which his sister had put in the bank for him. He had supported her and her child after Bozenhard disappeared.

Justice Miller says that Bozenhard had been in this country for six years before he was married and all that time was supported by his aunt, with whom he lived. He was shiftless and worthless and had been absent from home at irregular periods before his marriage. He disappeared again a few months after it, the court remarking that "marriage didn't break his propensity for disappearing absences from home." The police instituted the usual search, and it was even extended to his former home in Germany, but nothing was heard from him.

The court says it is only conjectural that Bozenhard's continued absence has been intentional. It was said he was displaced over the prospect of becoming a father, but the court regards it as conceivable that he would abandon his wife solely on that account, and even if this were true it would not account for his failure to communicate with his aunt, who had treated him as a son. Bozenhard might have feared prosecution for larceny because he went away with \$100 that his brother-in-law had given him to put in the bank, but Justice Miller rejects that theory.

Justice Miller says he prefers to take the most charitable view and believes that Bozenhard just disappeared as he had done before with the intention of returning. He believes that if Bozenhard had been alive when the list of the Slocum victims was published he would have been likely to see it, no matter where he was, and finding the names of his wife and child among the victims would have returned him. The court concludes that there is no circumstance to account for Bozenhard's absence except death.

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